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Coming to town

The sounds of pipes and drums filled downtown Minden on Nov. 21 for the village's annual Santa Claus parade. Local churches, businesses, organizations and politicians took part in the festive fun. See more photos on page 2. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Jane Siberry to perform in Minden

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Calling all angels.

Eclectic and critically acclaimed recording artist Jane Siberry will be performing in Minden in early December, as part of the Christmas pageant at St. Paul's Anglican Church and in her own show the following day.

Siberry, who rose to prominence in the 1980s with art-pop hits such as *Mimi on the Beach* and *I Muse Aloud*, has had a long and wide-ranging musical career, working with the likes of K.D. Lang and Brian Eno. Perhaps her best-known song, *Calling All Angels*, was released in the early 1990s and it is that tune Siberry will treat the audience to at an event at St. Paul's Anglican Church on Dec. 5.

Entitled Calling All Angels, the pageant, which will feature dozens of costumed cast members, is the brainchild of resident and designer Sinclair Russell.

"Everything can be blamed on Sinclair," Siberry quips. "He told me he was going to use [*Calling All Angels*] and asked me if I would come up and sing it. Mostly, I'm just looking forward to seeing the pageant with everyone else."

Russell, who is originally from Carnarvon and who returned to the Highlands last year, and Siberry share a commonality. Both are related to Minden's Pritchard family.

Siberry's great uncle was Lawrence Pritchard, who was a reeve of Minden and her great-grandfather Joseph Pritchard, who was a reeve of Stanhope.

see CALLING page 4

Convictions in Ryan Kennedy murder case

by **CHAD & ANGELICA INGRAM**
Times Staff

Three of the four men charged with murder in the 2011 killing of Haliburton County man Ryan Kennedy have been convicted on various charges.

Kennedy was killed on Oct. 19, 2011 just outside Minden. At about 11:45 p.m. police and EMS crews found Kennedy and another man bound and beaten at a residence off South Lake Road. While one man survived, Kennedy, 21, succumbed to his injuries.

Four Toronto men – Mason Gillard-Gatza, Tin Wai Hong, Nathanial Cain and Raphael Guerra, who ranged in age from 19 to 27 at the time – were each charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder.

They were apprehended in the Minden area within about 24 hours of the crime.

An initial trial ended in mistrial in March of 2014.

Jury deliberations in the second trial began on Nov. 18 and on Nov. 21, the jury found Hong guilty of second-degree murder on the first charge and assault causing bodily harm on the second.

Gillard-Gatza was found guilty of manslaughter on count one and assault causing bodily harm on count two. The verdict was the same for Cain, guilty of manslaughter and assault causing bodily harm.

Guerra was found not guilty on both counts.

As for sentencing, a spokesperson from the Superior Court in Oshawa told the *Times* sentencing was spoken to on Nov. 24, but has been adjourned to Feb. 29 and March 1, for two days worth of submissions.

"He may give a decision that day or he may adjourn it again for the actual sentence," she said.



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Better watch out





Above left, local shriners wave to onlookers during the Minden Santa Claus parade on Nov. 21.

Above, the parade is for kids of all ages.

Left, Sinclair Russell brought some whimsical Christmas spirit to the festivities.

Below left, this young motorist made a lot of new friends.

Bottom, the man of the hour, Santa Claus waves to families along Bobcaygeon Road.

Far left, above, the Highlands Trio, decked in the holiday best, provided Chiristmas carols.

Far left, below, local churches told the story of Christmas with their floats.

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Correction

Minden Hills council granted pre-budget approval for the demolition of Pritchard House, as well as a rental property at 2 Prince St., during its Nov. 12 meeting. Any additional remediation work on the properties will be included in the 2016 budget.

Algonquin Highlands supports Blue Dot

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands township became the second of Haliburton County's four lower-tier municipalities to support the David Suzuki Foundation's Blue Dot movement during a Nov. 19 meeting of council.

The Blue Dot movement is a national campaign asking municipal councils to pass resolutions calling on the provinces to call on the federal government to add the right to a clean environment to the Canadian constitution.

Many countries already have the right to clean air, water and healthy food written into their constitutions.

Locally, the campaign is being led by Environment Haliburton, with a spring kickoff. The group collected signatures throughout the summer and fall, some 1,300 in all, including about half the student population of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

In October, members of Environment Haliburton visited the upper tier of Haliburton County council, seeking support.

It was suggested the organization address the lower-tier townships as county council – comprised of the reeves and deputy-reeves of the four lower tiers – didn't want to obligate them to anything.

Last week Environment Haliburton visited Highlands East council, which granted a support resolution, and Algonquin Highlands councillors followed suit on Thursday.

The township is also striking a new environmental committee and Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen told EH reps Heather Ross and Carolynn Coburn that council was looking to have some representation from the group on the committee.

Ross said Environment Haliburton plans to visit Dysart et al and Minden Hills council next month.

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MEETINGS & EVENTS

Nov 26
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Nov 29
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2. File No. SRA-15-04
   Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9787, registered October 28, 2015.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, December 10, 2015** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, December 10, 2015.**
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Calling All Angels pageant Dec. 5

from page 1

She is also connected to the Graham family.

So Siberry's trip to the village will be a homecoming of sorts for her.

"I love Minden, it's been in my soul since I was born," Siberry says, recalling regular trips to the area, particularly in the fall, when she was young.

With a family cottage on Pigeon Lake, she still returns to the Highlands every now and again.

With spiritual themes running throughout much of Siberry's work, what does Christmas mean to her?

"I do love Christmas, I think maybe more in a pagan way," she says, adding it's a time when the earth closes down and goes inside in order to be reborn. "Just as humans must do."

After disposing of many of her earthly possessions a decade ago, Siberry tends to live wherever she is working, that place currently Toronto.

"I'm mixing a new recording that's taken me about five years," she says. "I think it's one of the most universal albums I've made."

It could also be the final full-length album Siberry produces, the artist hinting she's thinking about transitioning mainly to the release of singles.

Unlike some in the music industry who have pushed back hard against the digitization of music and the changing way in which it's consumed, Siberry seems more comfortable with the concept.

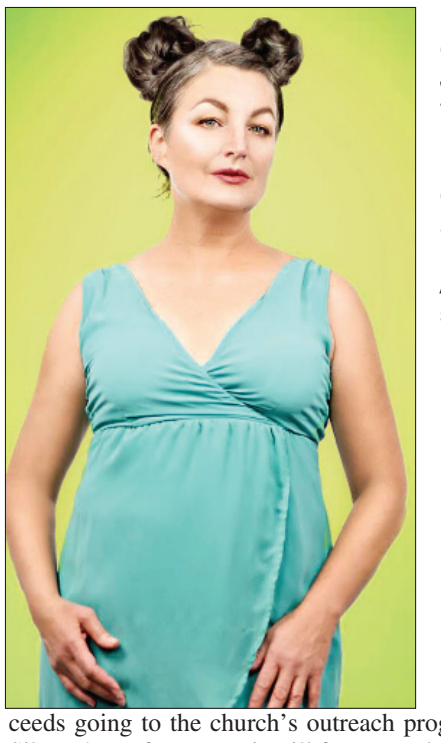
"I love the flexibility when people can download for free and share instantly," she says, adding that the Internet is facilitating a sharing economy where people share their cars, power tools, etc. online.

After the 9-11 attacks, Siberry got a number of requests for the use of *Calling All Angels*.

Feeling no need to go after royalties, "I just put it up for you to use," she says. "I don't need to be a gatekeeper."

Siberry, who is now working without a label, also used the website Kickstarter to crowd-source some of the funds for her new album.

There will be two performances of the pageant on Dec. 5, on at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is by donation, with proceeds going to the church's outreach programs. Along with Siberry's performance, it will feature a choir, Gord Kidd and Wendy Connelly of The Country Hot Flashes.



Famed Canadian artist Jane Siberry will perform at Minden's St. Paul's Anglican Church on Dec. 5 and 6.

/Photo submitted

Siberry's concert will also take place at St. Paul's Anglican Church, beginning at 3 p.m. on Dec. 6.

Tickets are $19 and there will be refreshments after the show, as well as an opportunity to meet Siberry. Fans can bring CDs to be signed and there will also be some available for sale.

Siberry also has a special invitation, "to the over-80 'club' and pre-16 crowd . . . I would like you to come as my guest, if you bring me a poem. One that you wrote yourself or from someone else's pen. Please hand-write it and put your real name or your pen name on it. I invite you to read it or we will have someone to do it . . . but you would likely do it best. We will have a microphone too if you choose to use it."



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Dayna Manning, Emm Gryner and Lindsay Schindler, collectively known as Trent Severn, brought the syrupy goodness of Canadiana to the Minden United Church in Nov. 21 show hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Trent Severn flows into Minden

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

From a real-life maple syrup heist to the Bluenose to the sweet relief of a snow day, the music of Trent Severn is thoroughly interwoven with the white and red threads of Canadiana.

A folksy trio consisting of Stratford songstresses Dayna Manning, Emm Gryner and, as of recently, lightning-fast fiddler Lindsay Schindler, Trent Severn brought its three-part harmonies and finely crafted, narrative-based tunes to the Minden United Church on Nov. 21 in a concert hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society.

Decked in denim and patriotic plaid and apropos of the weather swirling outside, the three kicked things off with *O Snow* from the band's new album, *Trillium*.

The contents of the songs are mined from Canada, from the women's lives, from the places they've lived and the people they've known.

They are laced with references to Stompin' Tom Connors, "soakers" and milk being sold in plastic bags.

Bluenose on a Dime tells a tale of time spent living in a building with famous folkie Kate McGarrigle and her even-more-famous son Rufus Wainwright.

Freedom was written after a fan, a member of the Royal Canadian Forces' Snowbirds, told Manning she should write a song about the aerial acrobats.

And so she did.

It's an up-beat romp that stands as a tribute to the men and women of the armed forces and to which the Snowbirds have performed three times.

Stealin' Syrup is based on a multi-million-dollar maple syrup heist (yes, you read that correctly) that occurred in 2012 and is sung from the perspective of one of the thieves.

Gryner's *Goodbye to Sadness* comes from time she spent in Ireland and is a cheers to friends across the Atlantic.

"We dedicate to this to anyone who brought a flask tonight," Gryner quipped.

The songs are wittingly written, wrapped in pop-sensible packaging and embellished with flawless harmonization.

Flawless too is the musicianship from three veteran players; Manning on guitar, Gryner on a ukulele bass that she correctly observed is more bass than ukulele, and Schindler on violin.

Saturday night was actually Schindler's first full performance with the band, having very recently replaced Laura C. Bates, which was obvious to precisely no one.

Heels on stomp boxes lend the sole percussive accompaniment, providing a kitchen-party quality that jives perfectly with the aesthetic of the songs.

Not only were the girls garbed in "Haliburton dinner jackets," but so too were a few members of the audience, giving way to a runway-style fashion showdown.

Trent Severn – yes, the name is of course taken from the waterway – draw heavy influence from Canadian troubadour icons like Ian and Sylvia Tyson and Gordon Lightfoot.

Last year, the trio played an annual concert series in Toronto paying tribute to Lightfoot.

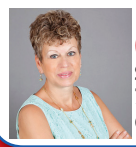
"Gordon comes to the show and watches you play his songs, so there's no pressure," Manning cracked, the band launching into a cover of Lightfoot's *Love and Maple Syrup*.

Paying tribute to another Canadian musical icon, *King of the Background* is a melancholic, classically tinged, homage to Richard Manuel, a member of The Band from Manning's hometown of Stratford who committed suicide following a gig in 1986.

Saturday's show ended, perhaps appropriately, with an a capella version of *O Canada*.

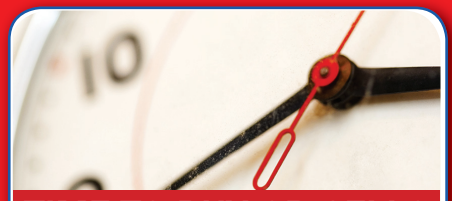
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Time of the season

DURING THE WEEKEND I attended not one but two Santa Claus parades because, well, my life is just really exciting like that.

The annual parades in the villages of Minden and Haliburton usher the Christmas season into the community.

There will be festive displays in store windows, lights strung on houses and Christmas carols on the radio.

But beneath the festive swell of the season lies the constant reality that Haliburton County is, per capita, one of the poorest municipalities in the province.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

While some county residents may be lining up for Black Friday sales this week, in a few weeks' time, others will be lining up for a basket from the Minden Christmas Basket Campaign. The program helps provide gifts and food for households that may have fallen off Santa's radar.

Throughout the year, hundreds rely on area food banks to help feed themselves but the need is even greater this time of year as people try to prepare Christmas meals for their families.

The Heat Bank Haliburton County and Fuel for Warmth are both organizations that help those who may have trouble heating their homes throughout the winter.

The Highlands Christmas Shindig, a fundraiser for Fuel for Warmth, is this Saturday night.

The show is sold out (probably because the performers are so outrageously good-looking), but there are donation tins set up around the community.

There is also SIRCH's Gifts from the Heart program and a number of other charitable ways to give a gift this Christmas.

In a lagging economy, punctuated by stagnant wages and contract work, and with the ever-increasing price of electricity, it can be easy to feel squeezed.

(As a side note, when the province has a special program to help people who cannot afford to pay their hydro bills, it should be obvious it is charging way too much for hydro.)

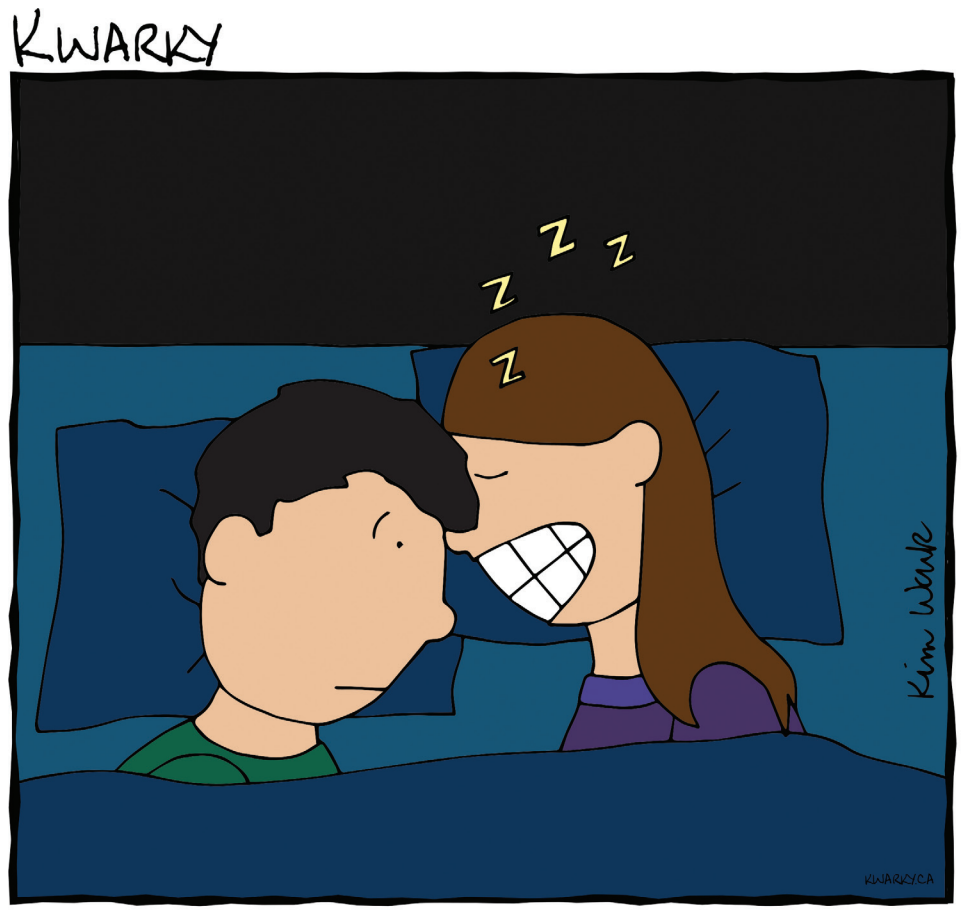
However, as many a heart-warming meme on Facebook will tell you, if you have a roof over your head, food on your table and a few good friends, you are richer than you realize.

At the warden's banquet last week, County Warden Murray Fearrey said Haliburton County doesn't need a hand out, it needs a hand up.

At this special time of year, those of us who can afford to need to be willing to extend that hand.

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An ugly situation

I HAD NEVER BEEN a fan of contests where appearance plays any part. I thought, if you are going to crown a person Mr. or Mrs. Universe or anything similar to that, it should be based on something a little more substantial, such as the ability to burp the entire alphabet. After all, looks can fade.

This is what I thought before I heard of the fourth Annual Mr. Ugly contest a contest in Zimbabwe.

Call me a dreamer, but I was actually holding out hope that this contest was somehow different. Sure, it was still based primarily on appearance, but at least it was based on appearance that most of us could relate to.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

With the right amount of tooth decay, a mono brow or two, a bad hair day, and a few, well-placed cold sores, practically anyone could have been a contender.

It seemed so perfect.

Sadly, the integrity of this contest is now being challenged.

Last year's reigning Mr. Ugly – in fact, the only man to hold the title ever since the contest begin – is protesting that Mison Sere, this year's winner, is "too handsome" to wear the crown. That sore loser (and I'm not being critical, I think he lost because he actually did lose a few well-placed sores) even goes so far as to suggest that Sere cheated, since his ugliness is based solely on missing teeth.

By the way, if you look at Sere, you'll know how unfair this really is.

This is a sad state of affairs. After all, words hurt.

I have never written about this before, because I've wanted to keep the pain to myself, but I know all too well what it is like to labeled as too handsome. It has happened to me many times over the course of my life and, as you would expect, has affected my self-esteem. This is why, till now, I have preferred to keep this embarrassment between me and my incredibly lucky mirrors.

But now, I think it's time to finally speak out so all you other men who suffer silently from the same label can hold your glorious heads up high.

I will begin by saying this. A label such as this one grows on you and gnaws away at your confidence.

As a young man, you say to yourself, "Did I get this job because of my ability or because of my excessive handsomeness? Oh, and would you like fries with that, sir?"

When the girl you ask out burst out laughing and replies "Never in a million years" you'd like to think it was because of the "If I said you had a beautiful body" line you used. Deep down, however, you know she was intimidated by your excessive handsomeness.

As someone who has lived with this curse for 53 years, I'd like to be able to tell you it gets better. I'd be lying though – for we men only get better looking with age.

The best you can hope for is to find a good partner who can see past – or in my case, over – your striking good looks.

The right person will not take your chiseled features seriously and even laugh uncontrollably– often for hours – when you lament how God cursed you with excessive handsomeness.

Instead, she'll look deep into your soul and see you for what you are. And, above all, she'll take care of your most urgent needs.

Yesterday, mine set up an eye appointment for me.

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The bigger story behind Sherborne Road

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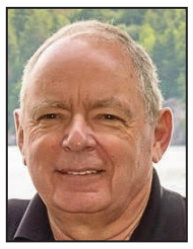
For instance, we now learn that the Natural Resources Ministry has been poking about, seeking a partner to help maintain the Sherborne Road. The gravel road winds 12 kilometres from Highway 35 just south of Dorset through the bush to Sherborne Lake.

It is an access road for anglers, hunters, hikers, campers, snowmobilers, ATV riders and logging operators.

The ministry is asking various sources, including Algonquin Highlands Township, to take on the costs of maintaining the road. It says it can no longer afford the upkeep.

The good news here is that the Ontario government may be getting serious about its dire financial situation. It must be when it goes begging for help maintaining a 12-kilometre gravel road.

The bad news is that if the government cannot afford to maintain the road, nature will take it back, limiting access to a huge wilderness recreation area. Also, the Sherborne Road is a glimpse of the new trend in which citizens pay more to receive less.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

The Sherborne Lake road story illustrates how badly Ontario is hurting from years of less than brilliant financial management. And, how the current government is relentless in squeezing taxpayers for more and more dollars to try drag itself out of a quicksand of debt.

Our electricity bills will increase at least an average $120 a year Jan. 1, on top of a series of stunning increases this year. Driving and vehicle licensing fees have increased and will increase more. We all will receive higher municipal tax bills in the spring because of more downloading of Ontario Provincial Police costs onto rural municipalities.

Then we have the service fees placed on top of service fees at Service Ontario outlets. And, the plans to make High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes.

Not to mention the new three-cents-a-litre provincial tax on beer, which took effect this month.

The government is desperate for more money to service its overwhelming debt. Ontario residents can expect this trend to continue, and likely worsen.

Ontario's debt has surpassed $300 billion. California, poster child for reckless government spending and poor financial management, has less than half the debt of Ontario.

Bonnie Lysyk, Ontario's auditor general, expects the Ontario debt to reach $325 billion by 2017-18. To pay off that debt Ontario would have to collect $23,000 each from every woman, man and child in the province.

Ontario pays more than $11 billion a year in debt interest charges. That is more than the province spends on post secondary education for our children.

Credit raters have been following closely this plunge into deeper debt. Moody's Investor Services and Standard and Poor's have downgraded Ontario's credit rating in recent months.

The province plans to spend another $130 billion on infrastructure over the next 10 years, which will increase the debt load even more. Much of the spending will be to alleviate the nightmare of Toronto-area transportation.

The government says going deeper into debt will spur economic growth, which will produce more dollars to pay off debt. We all hold our breath and hope this is true. Past performance leaves us skeptical.

Another reason for skepticism is the controversy surrounding the government's selling off 60 per cent of Hydro One. It hopes to bring in $9 billion from the sale but in fact will realize only $3.5 to $5 billion after the utility's debt is paid.

Some observers call the Hydro One offering a disaster in the making.

Stephen LeClair, the province's financial accountability officer, says that selling the utility to private investors will cost the provincial treasury more than it takes in.

"The province's net debt would initially be reduced, but will eventually be higher than it would have been without the sale," he wrote in a critical review of the plan.

Deterioration of the Sherborne Lake access road would be a disappointment to users, but not a catastrophe. Real catastrophe will come to all of us if the government does not create a strong plan for reducing its debt.

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letters to the editor

Dismay at Pritchard House decision

To the Editor:

I read with dismay the *Minden Times* article concerning the disposition of our family home, Pritchard House. While I (speaking on behalf of my sisters and extended family) obviously have no official claim to the physical asset, we do wish to see the work and contributions of our grandfather, Lawrence Pritchard and father, Douglas Pritchard to actively remain as part of the community's heritage, not dwindle off into obscurity. The house is a symbol of those contributions.

Aside from any historical value of the home, the unique structure that stands in approximately the centre of town is an identifiable landmark and should be preserved and maintained, as it adds to the charm and uniqueness of Minden and what makes small town Ontario the destination of many.

I believe when this issue came up several years ago, one of my questions was "what is the plan" and again I ask the same question. Will the property the house sits on become yet more parking? Is there not a concern that downtown Minden is becoming a giant parking lot? If more parking is required, perhaps it could be distributed elsewhere in the downtown area.

If the will of the people of Minden is to have the structure come down (that's my rally cry) then so be it. However, if this is the case I ask that consideration be given to the following suggestions. Again, without knowing of any plan, I offer these in a knowledge vacuum.

1/ Instead of a parking lot, turn the property into greenspace. Call it the "Community Leaders Corner" as a visible place of honour for all individuals who have served as community leaders. There are many who have contributed to the development of Minden and this would be a place to recognize them.

2/ Instead of taking the stone and piling it behind the municipal works facility (or disposing of it), perhaps it could be used to reface a section of the municipal building. This use would be an honorable and a long lasting use.

While we would truly like to see the house stand, to continue to be a focal point and part of the charm and attraction of Minden, we understand that the decision has been made, and hope these suggestions will be given consideration.

Sincerely
Timothy A. Pritchard

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Volume fees established for hall rentals

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands has settled on a revised rental fee structure for its recreational halls, and will be making changes to other fees as well.

For the past few months, councillors have been discussing how to achieve greater consistency in fees for its halls, while keeping rates affordable for groups who use the facilities on a regular basis.

The township operates the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall on North Shore Road, the Dorset Recreation Centre and the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre.

It closed the long-standing Club 35 near Halls Lake at the end of October, due to low use that was not nearly offsetting its operational and upgrading costs.

At one point during the conversations, it was suggested that an annual fee – almost like a membership fee – should be instituted for groups who use the facilities on a regular basis.

There are, for example, a few seniors' card groups that use space on a weekly or biweekly basis. The group that until recently had played cards at Club 35 gave the township an annual donation of approximately $1,200 for the use of that space. That group has moved its activities to Stanhope.

The fee structure that council supported during its Nov. 19 meeting includes an annual flat rate fee, based on volume, for small, private and non-profit groups that use facilities on a regular basis.

For 20 to 50 uses a year, the flat fee is $1,000 per year; $1,200 per year for 51 to 100 uses; and $1,500 for 101 to 150 uses a year.

This fee would apply to all three halls.

"I think it is something that will work for everyone," said Councillor Marlene Kyle.

The new permit and fees schedule, which the township will advertise for public feedback before it is ultimately passed by council, includes changes to fees in other areas as well.

At the scenic lookout tower in Dorset, the township will institute a walk-up fee.

As chief administrative officer Angie Bird pointed out, some people will park at the bottom of the property in order to avoid paying parking fees.

The walk-up fee will be $1 and $2 from Labour Day until Thanksgiving, during the peak of fall foliage.

"The staff complement does increase with the volume of people," said treasurer Tammy McKelvey, indicating there were more costs to offset during the period of the fall colours.

At landfills, tipping fees for a cubic yard of demolition and construction waste will increase from $40 per cubic yard to $80 per cubic yard in instances where the waste is not sorted.

"It's a good incentive for people to do the sorting," said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen.

McKelvey added that if residents don't do their own sorting, that tasks falls to township staff.

At the Stanhope Airport, annual hangar lease fees will increase for hangars in groups D through H.

For group D, the annual fee will rise from $8,000 to $8,400. For groups E through H, the annual fee will increase from $2,500 to $2,562.50.

The township was recently informed by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation that taxes on the property would be rising due to construction of the airport's new hangars.

Fees for aircraft parking will increase from $10 to $11 per day and from $70 to $90 per month. The annual parking rate will remain at $420.

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Exchange opens the world to Highlands teen

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It was an emotional farewell for the Highlands teenage girl with the large smile and enthusiasm for life who found more than adventure on her recent exchange trip to Argentina facilitated by the Rotary Club of Minden. She found a second family and another place she can call home. One she hopes to get back to in the near future.

The senior Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Alyssa Denyer loved her short term exchange program trip to Henderson, Argentina for the relationship that was built and fostered with her host family the Mateos.

On the last night there Denyer said it was a tearful farewell that she won't soon forget.

With some of her closest friends unable to see her as she went around to say her goodbyes, the finality of the situation dawned on her.

"So we're leaving and I'm saying goodbye to everybody and I was like keeping it together all is fine," she said. "And we're driving home and I'm balling because I'm just so sad that this could be the last time if I don't ever get a chance to go back. And then we're at the airport, we're all hugging goodbye and I think I hugged my [host] mom like six times just because I didn't want to leave I kept on going back to hug them and I was crying and crying."

Denyer's experience was made extra special because of her host family.

Denyer said they made a concerted effort to communicate and help her despite her weak grasp of Spanish.

Although the Argentinian exchange student and host sister Belen knew English well her mother didn't. That didn't hinder the mother's efforts to teach Denyer Spanish and to welcome her during the stay.

"Within the first week or two I was there she was calling me her third daughter, so it was just really welcoming," she said.

At first, Denyer felt like a nuisance. That quickly faded, as the Mateos family continually included her.

"They really welcomed me so they would invite me to sit with them in the living room so I wouldn't feel trapped in my room. Just like it was my house as well," she said.

Although before going she did her best to learn Spanish with the language program, Rosetta Stone, it wasn't enough.

"It was a lot different. I went there thinking I'm going to be ok, but when I got there it was insane. I had no idea what was going on," she said, referring to the rate of the locals' speech and the slang that was used. She can now understand Spanish. However in conversations with another peer that spent time in Chile, there is a definite difference that is associated with the different regions.

Despite the challenges with language and other cultural differences, Denyer will never forget how the community embraced her.

The town of Henderson is a little like the Highlands except it's even more welcoming.

"You walk down the street and everybody is saying hi to you so you just kind of 'hola,'" she said. "It's almost more welcoming [than here]. There it's rude to see somebody you know and not say anything. Even if it's just someone you met like twice in your life you have to say something to them. They consider it rude if you don't. There was a lot of communication going on and everybody was waving at you from across the street and that kind of stuff."

That kind of behaviour is something that made an indelible mark on her.

The way people introduce themselves was slightly different. She was warned that kissing is quite common, even from strangers on first meetings.

"I walked up to my class and every single one of them came up and gave me a kiss on the cheek and I was like OK, but it made you feel more a part of something even if you didn't know what was going on," she said.

Denyer said it's not hard for her to adjust to things, but this was dramatic.

When school runs from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., it's a definite difference to school days here.

Another dramatic difference was how dinner was regularly at 10 p.m. followed by outings after midnight. Most people don't wake up until closer to noon.

At first she was the first one to wake up in the household close to her usual wakeup, close to 7 a.m.

She used the time to make breakfast, eat and read three books three times.

"I'd be the first one up and nobody was doing anything. We're wasting the day [she told herself], but no we're going until 2 o'clock in the morning on a school night," she said.

The Mateos home is located a 10 minute drive outside of the town of Henderson in a farming area with cows who became familiar with the Canadian teen who walked among them during her down times.

Eventually the Minden teen settled into the routine of life there and appreciated sleeping in.

On July 20, she experienced Dia del Amigos, or Friends Day.

It was a great opportunity for her to indulge in the culture and food. The celebration is about spending it with like groups of 20 or 30 friends and sharing food such as chorizo (sausage) and asado (beef) that is cooked by smoking core salted meat on an open fire with coals.

She also was taken on trips where she visited beaches on the Atlantic ocean, visited the country capital, Buenos Aires and the spectacular Iguazu Falls, close to the Brazilian border.



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior student Alyssa Denyer will never forget her experience or the host family she became a part of this past summer for the Short Term Exchange Program facilitated by the Rotary Club of Minden. Initially, Denyer was drawn to the exchange to see the world, but discovered it was the relationships that were established that she really appreciates. DARREN LUM Staff

"It was quite possibly the most beautiful thing I have ever seen in my entire life," she said, referring to the falls.

The exchange started with Argentinian student Belen coming here for her summer holidays, staying from January to February followed by Denyer going to Henderson in July and August.

The Argentinian teen indulged in poutine, learned how to curl and accompanied Denyer, who is a competitive curler, to bonspiels, visited Arrowhead Park in Huntsville where she ice skated, visited Canadian landmarks like Niagara Falls.

Denyer said her exchange sister loved winter for its snow and its cold.

"She left Argentina and it was plus 30 [degrees Celsius]. She lands here it was minus 30 [degrees Celsius]. She was like walking around without a coat," she said.

When Denyer brushed her car after a fresh snowfall Belen found the exercise a novel concept. It's an unusual practice for the South American teen, unfamiliar with sub-zero temperatures.

Denyer was selected because of effective communication skills, openness to try new things and be interested in meeting new people. Interviews for the exchange are being conducted this week.

However if a candidate has not been chosen the club will consider others.

In addition to the STEP (Short Term Exchange Program), Rotary International offers a long-term exchange, which runs the full calendar year and the participant attends school. Besides Rotary, students can study abroad through ISE Ontario and also with private companies that don't require the participant to host a student. Contact the guidance office at the high school for more information.

Denyer, who spent 10 days in Europe with other students as a tourist the summer before, said an exchange is the best opportunity for students to really experience what life is like in another country.

"Starting off it was a travel experience. I wanted to see the world with exchanges ... but then relationships that you build with people are so amazingly heart warming and heart breaking at the same time and I find it worth it to even just to have those memories. Even if I don't end up going back I've lived that. So, with exchange versus travel you're living that whole life. You're not just going around doing tourist things. You're actually living what it's like to live there, which I find really appealing." she said. "When I travel I don't want to just do what everybody does. I want to see what it's like."

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Electricity costs frustrate businesses



Minden Hills councillor and home inspector Pam Sayne, left, raises some concerns over rising electricity costs at an event hosted by the Haliburton Highlands, Bancroft and Coboconk and Norland Chambers of Commerce on Nov. 17 at Pinestone Resort. The roundtable discussion brought out area business owners and community members who are worried about the cost of doing business, due to increasing expenses. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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by **ANGELICA INGRAM**
Times Staff

There was electricity in the air and on people's minds at a roundtable discussion on staying competitive in today's electricity market that drew approximately 20 area business leaders.

Hosted by Chambers of Commerce from Haliburton, Coboconk and Bancroft, the event was held on Nov. 17 at Pinestone Resort and featured two guest speakers representing the Ontario Chamber of Commerce and the Independent Electricity System Operator.

It was clear early on that attendees were at the meeting to find out more about the rising cost of electricity, something that is hampering many local businesses and forcing owners to consider layoffs in order to keep their doors open.

Vice-president of policy and government relations for the OCC, Karl Baldauf said the Ontario chamber has brought forth electricity as the No. 1 issue amongst its membership and therefore has created a report for the provincial government.

"What has come of this paper is a dialogue with government," he said.

Baldauf said he wanted a better understanding of how electricity prices were affecting the businesses of those in the room, which reflected similar sentiments the vice-president was hearing across the province.

"Businesses are telling us that the high price of electricity is undermining their capacity to grow," said Baldauf.

The issue was first raised following a survey the OCC conducted in 2014, which reported that 38 per cent of businesses in the province will see their bottom line shrink as a result of rising electricity rates.

Baldauf suggested a number of recommendations that can be done by the government in the short term, including increasing the transparency of electricity pricing and system cost drivers, keeping the debt retirement charge on residential bills until it has been retired and incentivizing voluntary consolidation of local distribution companies.

Representing the IESO, Sean Brady brought up a number of conservation programs that local businesses can take part in, including retrofit programs and switching to LED lighting.

The suggestions did not sit well with some of those in attendance, whose frustrations with the government were bubbling to the surface.

Leora Berman of The Land Between questioned the current role of the Ontario Energy Board and the province's overall efficiency.

"It's fair to say we have more energy bureaucracy compared to other provinces," said Baldauf.

Haliburton chamber board member and publisher of the *Highlander* newspaper Bram Lebo said the issue isn't about engagement with stakeholders, but comes down to a province that has mismanaged the energy file.

"The energy doesn't cost a lot, it's all the stuff you're putting on top of it," said Lebo. "I don't see any commitment from anybody to reduce those costs. You just see us as some sort of well that you can go back to forever."

Lebo went on to say the delivery charges are a big cost for rural areas.

"Where is the provincial strategy for creating a low-cost energy environment here?" said Lebo.

One business owner from the Bancroft area raised the issue of hydro salaries being out of control.

Chamber manager Rosemarie Jung echoed the sentiments shared in the room, stressing that hydro costs in the county are astronomical and soaring.

"The chamber believes it is imperative that we share our very rural perspective and I still don't believe that we've shared enough of that," she said. "We can't afford it. We've got businesses that are talking about laying people off ... we need help ... we need realistic help. Hopefully you've heard our rural concerns."

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HCSA awarded $50K grant for new Minden bridge

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) was hit hard when Minden experienced the devastating flood three years ago. The loss of an important bridge impaired the club's ongoing efforts to improve access in and out of Minden.

Thankfully the floating bridge installed in the Gull River was not damaged by the flood however an equally important bridge was wiped out on Trail No. 4 – the main northerly route in and out of town. HCSA President Paul Gaudin commented: "The Trail 4 bridge is located directly behind the Minden cemetery and allows for the safe entry and exit of thousands of snowmobiles coming to Minden every winter. When the bridge was destroyed in the flood we had to close trail 4 and re-route sleds on the side of the Bobcaygeon Road and the Scotch Line the past two winters".

Gaudin went on and reported the HCSA applied for a trail improvement grant from the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) this past September. The application for the cost to install an all-new, steel bridge with decking and railings exceeded $50,000. The HCSA applied for the entire amount save a 10 per cent investment required by the OFSC. Because the HCSA plows over $300,000 in Trail Permit fees annually back into the county maintaining their trails, the $50K needed to replace the bridge was out of the Club's reach for at least a couple more years.

Gaudin commented: "When I got the call a week ago saying we were approved I was pretty excited. Even though Trail #4 is not classified as a TOPS (Trans Ontario Provincial route) trail the OFSC approved our application based on the sizable tourism impact this trail provides for Minden businesses and service providers. Minden council provided their support for the grant application with a letter emphasizing the importance of snowmobiling to the town. Essentially the OFSC recognized the economic importance of this bridge and gave it the green light". The Club is committed to having Trail #4 re-opened for snowmobiles this winter.

Submitted by HCSA

Ride stop leads to over 80 charge

On Monday, Nov. 16 at approximately 8 p.m. officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP were conducting a RIDE check in the Village of Minden.

A lone male approached the officers in a white pickup truck. Upon speaking to the male an officer detected a strong smell of alcohol. The officer made the demand for a roadside test. The result of the test was a fail. The driver was arrested for over 80 and transported to the Haliburton Highlands OPP for Intoxilyzer tests. As a result of the tests the driver was charged with Driving with More than 80 mgs. of Alcohol in Blood.

Charged is a 39-year-old man from Minden Hills. He is to appear in court in Minden on Jan. 6.





Seasons greetings from Minden's churches



The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE heard that…

As we were putting out cookies for Santa on Christmas Eve, I accidentally dropped one. "No problem," I said, picking it up and dusting it off before placing it back on the plate.

"You can't do that," argued my four-year-old.

"Don't worry. Santa will never know."

He shot me a look. "So he knows if I've been bad or good, but he doesn't know the cookie fell on the floor?".

The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE also heard Rev. Max say …

Season's Greetings to you all.

Christmas is quickly approaching! Where has the time gone? This will be our thirteenth Christmas together in the Highlands. I am busy getting ready as I'm sure that you are too. Yet, I am still finding time to spend with family and of course all the opportunities to eat and be merry!

As I gaze out my window, tonight it is cold and dark. Fresh snow barely covers the ground after all the rain we had earlier this week. The frost has returned for the evening with its swirling patterns awaiting my ice scrapper in the morning. It is quite beautiful even though I don't really like driving through the white stuff. Tomorrow and for the next few days are supposed to be pretty warm! Maybe I had better get my Christmas lights out on a nice day.

The time during the Fall season leading up to the coming of Winter is a difficult time for me as I imagine it is for many people in Canada. The weather quickly changes from warm sunny days to cool or even down right nippy cloudy days and nights of December. The days get shorter and shorter and the nights get longer and longer. How depressing.

The wonderful thing though is that after December 21st or so, the days begin to get longer again and the nights begin to get shorter. The wonder of the seasons, living in the Haliburton Highlands, is in full display with snow generally covering just about everything. To top it all off, we celebrate the birth of Christ with family and friends. After that, each day figuratively and literally is a little bit brighter.

Take the time this Advent, Christmas and Epiphany to remember your family and friends and give thanks to God. Also, try to take a moment to call on someone that may not have many visitors this Christmas and share the light of Christ in their lives too. May God keep you and bless you. Merry Christmas! Max.

-------Rev. Max Ward, Minden United Church

Some upcoming December Church Community Events Include:

*Saturday, Nov. 28, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Annual Christmas Kids Sale (St. Paul's Anglican)

*Wednesday, Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Messy Church Fun for the whole family (St. Paul's Anglican)

*Saturday, Dec. 5, 5 to 7 p.m. - Calling all Angels Pageant 2 Performances 5 and 7 p.m. – Call office to reserve seating (St. Paul's Anglican)

*Sunday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. - Afternoon Concert with Jane Siberry – Call office to reserve seating (St. Paul's Anglican)

*Tuesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. -Enviro-Café -Environment Haliburton Community Discussion Group of Environmental Issues (Minden United Church)

*Friday, Dec. 11, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Poinsettia Lunch (St. Paul's Anglican)

*Sunday, Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. -Family Christmas Dinner (Minden Bible Church)

*Sunday, Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m. -Christmas Sunday Service (Minden Bible Church)

*Sunday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. -Christmas Cantata Presented by the Joint Choirs of Minden & Zion Followed by "A Sweet Taste of Christmas" goodies (Minden United)

*Thursday, Dec. 24, 6 p.m. -Christmas Eve Community Candlelight Service – Offering for "Fuel for Warmth" (Minden Bible Church) 7 p.m. -Christmas Eve Community Family Service (Minden United Church)

*Sunday, Dec. 27, 11 a.m. -Joint Pastoral Charge Sunday Service Followed by a delicious Lunch (Minden United)

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Christmas tree lighting this weekend

DorsetNews

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A big thank you goes out to the volunteers who put together the Christmas boughs that are now decorating Dorset. They are beautiful! All had a lovely time and thank you to Joanne Buss, Nancy Flynn, Kay Gardner, Judy Lilliman, Pat Schell, Carol Scott-Field, Karla MacKay, Valerie Jahn, Sue Lilliman and Rick Morris for sourcing the greenery and installing the boughs.

A reminder the community Christmas tree lighting and meet and greet dinner event is this coming Sunday, November 29. Meet at 3:30 p.m. at the pavilion to decorate it for Christmas, head over to the fire hall for the tree lighting, bonfire and carol singing at 4:30 p.m. and then at 5:30 p.m. join social time at the rec centre and end the evening with dinner at 6 p.m. There will be a surprise special guest tree lighter and crafts for kids with a free Christmas shopping table for the kids (donations of good, new or nearly new items appreciated). All welcome!

There will be a Dorset Snowball planning meeting at the rec centre on Tuesday, December 1 at 6 p.m. and all are welcome.

The Dorset food and toy drive is on Wednesday, December 2 with vehicles departing Lions Camp Dorset at 6 p.m. If you have donations, please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing a light. If you are unsure volunteers will be coming by your place, call Clint at 705-766-2249 or Barb at 705-766-2108.

Alternatively, contributions can be dropped off at the Algonquin Highlands township office in Dorset, Dorset TimBr-Mart, Robinson's General Store and Tower Hill Marine. This event is co-sponsored by the Friends of Dorset and the Dorset Lions Club for the Salvation Army.

When preparing your donation, please consider that not all foods are appropriate. Donating to a food bank is commendable, but it's a good idea to know what can actually be used. If you are not willing to eat the items yourself or the items are past best-by dates please consider donating something else. Preferred items include canned or shelf stable vegetables and fruits low in sodium and sugar – check nutrition labels, grain products such as whole grain pasta, brown rice, whole wheat crackers, low sugar hot and cold cereals and peanut free granola bars, milk and milk alternatives such as dry milk powder, milk puddings or shelf stable products, canned meats and fish, peanut butter, canned or dried beans and lentils are all good choices. Baby food and diapers are also very much needed. Consider personal care items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shavers, toilet paper, feminine hygiene products and household cleaners. Remember, check expiration dates. Do not donate any opened packages or items past the expiration date – they will be discarded as unusable items. Stats show at least 40% of food bank users are children and they need proper nutrition to grow and learn.

Pioneer Memorial United Church at Hillside and Knox United Church in Dorset are in need of musicians to enhance

Sunday services. They would enjoy having musicians playing any type of instrument, not just organs or keyboards. Full time, part time and casual help would all be considered. For further information please contact Ruth Lynch 705-766-1148 or Marg Winchester 705-789-5883.

Birthdays for the week of November 22 to 28 go out to Mike Baum and Matthew Woods. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



Christmas at the Legion

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The Minden Legion Colour Party members were happy to swing into action once again for the Santa Claus parade, flags a-flappin' to welcome that jolly symbol of the season. Santa as usual was a great hit, greeted by the cheering children lining the streets of downtown Minden. It will be Christmas at the Legion this Saturday the 28th, with a full house of vendors booked for our Christmas Craft and Legion Bake Sale. In the past we have had knitting, quilting, decorations, stained glass, jewellery, yummy butter tarts and lots of other unique items. Come any time from 10am to 2pm and pick up a gift for someone special, an item for your home, a treat for yourself or even take a shortcut to Christmas baking with The Legion Bake table! We would appreciate any baked donations to be brought to the Legion by 9 on Saturday.

Thank you to our community's workers for doing a great job of setting up and cleaning up for events like the Santa Claus Parade. The Legion would also like to acknowledge their work in the preparation for Remembrance Day, setting up bleachers and chairs, sound system and even cleaning piles of sodden leaves from the front of the cairn. Well done, everyone.

Speaking of Remembrance, our thanks and appreciation go to the judges in the Royal Canadian Legion's poster and literary competition: John Lennard, June Anderson, Marie Lennard, Georgina Parkes and Cheryl Murdoch. Complete results will be posted in next week's newspaper. Almost 50 entries were received in from ASES and from home-schooled children. The top 3 finishers in every category will receive a monetary award from Minden Legion and all the First Place entries will go on to compete at the District Level against 50 other Branches. Here is an example of the talent of our young people. First Place poetry for grades 4, 5, and 6, by Grace Hudson

"Lest We Forget"
Lest we forget them who have killed and died,
Lest we forget them who have served and didn't hide
Lest we forget the bravery and courage
for the ones who have given their lives
Lest we forget the soldiers that fought for our freedom
they shall never be forgotten.

The winner for Poetry grades 7, 8, and 9, was Dakota Mahler who wrote

"The Great Sacrifice "
Brave men in battle gear, fighting on a field of fear
They were young and full of life, in a world filled with strife
Guns blazing in the air, lives falling so unfair
Why did it have to be this way, we could have had better days
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Season opens with win against Knights

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The home opener for the Red Hawks boys' hockey finished like last year: with a win, and optimism for the season's future success.

Although the Knights are not regarded as one of the top-tier teams in the Kawartha High School Hockey League, the Hawks enjoyed opening the season with a win.

Coach Ron Yake and the rest of the coaching staff were pleased with the effort and the result.

Yake, who said his team is still getting to know each other as teammates, believes special teams are always important in high school hockey.

In this game, the success of his penalty killing team really helped to open up the game when it killed off a Knights' two-man advantage that lasted 40 seconds.

"We were playing well. We had lots of shots. Give credit to their goalie [Jake Krabbe]. He played very well early in the game and that kept the game close," he said. "And then of course we got into some penalties and, yeah, killing penalties is always important and that kept us in the game. Cole Finlay was our goalie and he didn't have to make a lot of stops, but he made a couple key ones there when the game was tight. So, credit to Cole and then after that opened up."

The team went on to score the go-ahead minutes after and then the eventual game-winner by rookie Chase Burden, who finished with a pair of goals. They added six more and won the game easily 8-2.

Before the start of the first period, Yake told his team that he acknowledged their strong play.

"I just gave them credit for how well they were playing early in the season," he said.

He adds the team deserved the win with its effort and a bit of "puck luck," referring to a few fortuitous bounces.

The other positives also extend to the forwards and the defence.

The team's three lines played well, he said.

However the team chemistry will continue to develop, which will be part of the process for the team moving forward in the season.

The powerplay is an area that often needs time to develop. He noticed it was effective in this game. However he acknowledges there is room for improvement.

The Hawks controlled the puck possession and the Knights were given few chances since the puck was rarely in their end. He said this is a result of strong work at the back by his defensive corps.

"A credit to them, but I know against some better teams we're going to be in our own end a lot more so we're going to have to continue to work on playing well in our own end. So those are some of the things looking forward, but the positive is it's a nice start for us to the season," he said.

Two upcoming tournaments will be a test, which will accurately reveal how competitive this team is compared to the stronger teams in Ontario.

Hawks forward Noah Dollo also scored a pair of goals and added one assist for three points. Both forward Jaydon Wood and defenceman Ryan Hill finished with a goal and a pair of assists.

Hawks forwards Nolan Flood and Owen Patterson Smith each had a goal in the win. Hawks players Matt Wilbee had three helpers while Max MacNaull and Paydon Miscio each had a pair of helpers.

Next month the team will play in a tournament in the first week of December and then the St. Peter's Classic tournament in Peterborough in the first week of January.

The next home game for the Hawks is against the St. Peter's Saints on Thursday, Dec. 17. The puck drops 3:45 p.m. Games are subject to change.



The Red Hawks boys' hockey team's forward Jaydon Wood, who scored a goal and added an assist, moves the puck in the home and season opener against the Norwood Knights on Thursday afternoon at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks defeated the Knights 8-2./DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks boys' hockey team's goalie Cole Finlay, who had a few fans supporting him, earned the win in the home and season opener against the Norwood Knights on Thursday afternoon at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.
/DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks boys' hockey team's forward Chris Thompson rushes the puck in the home and season opener against the Norwood Knights on Thursday afternoon at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff



UPCOMING

Community Events

Haliburton County Historical Society
When: Thursday Nov. 26/15, 1:30 pm
Where: Haliburton Museam
Speaker: Kim Emmerson, Topic: His Book - Alexander Niven - The Biography of an Early Haliburton Surveyor.
The Haliburton County Historical Society has nominated Kim's book for the Donald Grant Creighton Award of the Ontario Historical Society.
This is a Power Point Presentation of the highlights of the book.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
When: Friday November 27, 11 am to 1:30 pm
Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden
50/50 tickets, bucket draw, bake sale, admission $5.00
(Snow date November 28)

Pet Photos with Santa Claus
When: Saturday November 28, 10am to 12 pm
Where: Minden Animal Hospital
Minimum $10 donation to M.E.A.C.
Minden Emergency Animal Care - a charity to provide emergency medical care to sick
or injured stray animals in our community since 2007.

Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
When: Thursday, December 3rd, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.
Where: Kinmount Railway Station
What: Celebrating Lights Across Canada with Bonfire, Refreshments, Carol Singing, Free Photos With Santa Sponsored by the Kinmount Committee For Planning Check Website: Kinmount.ca for further information
Contact: Diane Austin, 705 488-2635

Christmas In The Village
When: Saturday, December 5th, 2015
Where: Kinmount Village
What: Kinmount Farmer's Market Christmas Open House 9-2 in Kinmount Community Centre, Free Christmas Crafts for Kids-Upper Level Kinmount Community Centre, Kinney Elf Hunt-Free Kids Surprises in various locations in the town, Santa Clause at Royal Canadian Legion at 2:00 P.M. meet Santa, Free Family Lunch-Gifts for Kids 10 and under.
Check Website: Kinmount.ca for further information
Contact: Diane Austin 705 488-2635

Christmas Music Night
When: Saturday, December 5th 7:00 P.M. Galway Hall
What: Everything Fitz-the Family Fitzgerald performing at the Galway Hall with Christmas Loonie Auction Items, Desserts and Coffee, Sponsored by the Kinmount Committee For Planning Check Website: Kinmount.ca for further information
Where: Galway Hall
Contact: Diane Austin 705 488-2635

The Second Annual Christmas Tradition for Angels of all Ages
When: Saturday Dec. 5/15, 5 pm and 7 pm
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden
Event: "Calling All Angels", A Nativity Pageant plus the Christmas Story Live
Dozens of Costumed Cast Members, Special Pageant Choir
Featured Guest Artists: Jane Siberry, Gord Kidd, Wendy Connelly and others
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For Further Information contact Sinclair Russell 705-457-0282, sinclairrussell11@gmail.com

Jane Siberry Minden Concert
When: Sunday Dec. 6/15, 3:00 pm
Where: St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave. Minden
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Tea and goodies will be served after the show in the Parish Hall (by the St. Paul's ladies). You are invited to come and meet Jane. She will also sign any existing DC's that your bring. . .or you can buy one from a selection that will be available.
Call for Seating Reservations or Further Information
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Bantam A has stellar weekend

It was hockey night in Minden last Friday when The Peppermill Highland Storm Bantam A team blew the Muskoka Rock out of town with a 7-0 win. The scoring began near the end of the first period. Lucas Haedicke took the face off in the Rock's end, rushed to the net and made an awesome pass to the open Austin French, he easily tapped it by the goalie. Early in the second, passes from Lucas Haedicke and Shawn Walker to Austin French, he got behind the Rock's net and sneakily wrapped it around by the goalie, making it 2-0. Nigel Smith collected the puck from Tanner Crang and Braeden Vasey, during the Rock's power play. He rushed in, found the opening for a short-handed goal. The Storm continued to control the puck and the game. Early in the third, a couple of passes came from Austin French and Nigel Smith, found Lucas Haedicke open in front of the Rock's net. He easily chipped it by the goalie for goal four. Another rush, a shot by Nigel Smith, Zach Morissettepicked up the rebound and chipped it in for goal five. Next, it was Isaac Little, he got goal 6 with a hard slap shot from the point, assisted by Nigel Smith and Zach Morissette. Braeden Robinson got the last goal with a nice shot from the hash marks, help from Austin French and Noah Black. An awesome shut-out for Jaxson Campbell.

The Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam A team crushed the Parry Sound Shamrocks 8-0, Saturday afternoon. Another shut-out win for the Storm and for goalie, Carson Sisson. The Storm dominated the entire game, scoring three goals in the first period. James Alexander got the first goal during a battle in front of the net. Next, goal two came from a shot by Ben MacNaull from the point. Another battle in front of the net, this time Nigel Smith capitalized on it with a goal. Assists went to Zach Morissette, Lucas Haedicke and Nik Dollo. The Shamrocks stood a bit stronger in the second period, allowing only one goal. Tanner Crang drove to the net after a pass from Nik Dollo and got his own rebound,making it 4-0. The Storm picked up the momentum in the third, scoring 4 goals. It was Nigel Smith, James Alexander, Nik Dollo and Braeden Robinson that scored with help from Zach Morissette, Austin French, Shawn Walker, Isaac Little and Tanner Crang.

Sunday afternoon, the Pepper Mill Highland Storm Bantam A team shut-out the Parry Sound Shamrocks 5-0 in Minden. The Shamrocks held their defence as the Storm warmed up in the first period, which ended scoreless. Early in the second period, Owen Gilbert started the scoring with two goals, less than a minute apart. Helpful passes by Zach Morissette, James Alexander, Ben MacNaull and Noah Black. Zach Morissette got the next goal, assisted by Owen Gilbert and Isaac Little, ending the second period 3-0. The last two goals came late in the third period. Passes from Noah Black and Braeden Robinson fed Lucas Haedicke and he top cornered it for the fourth goal. With barely a couple of seconds left in the game, scrambling in front of the Shamrocks net, Zach Morissette pushed in goal five, passes from Braeden Robinson and Nik Dollo.

By Suzanne Haedicke

Tough game for Atom Storm

The Emmerson Lumber Atom team had back to back games against the Huntsville Otters. Saturday the Atom team hosted the Huntsville Otters at the S.G Nesbitt Arena. The Otters opened the scoring in the second period but the storm battled back with Austin Boylan scoring assisted by Evan Armstrong, Kyan Hall also scored in the second period assisted by Cooper Coles. The third period was just as exciting with Austin Boylan scoring another goal again assisted by Evan Armstrong. Although the storm battled hard they lost to the Otters 5-3. On Sunday the Emmerson Lumber Atom travelled to Huntsville to play the Otters. Austin Boylan scored the only goal for the storm assisted by Walker Nesbitt. The storm were defeated by the Otters 11-1.

Submitted by Amanda Tripp

Midgets defeat Parry Sound

The Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team were host to two games on a full three game weekend. Friday Nov. 20 found them facing off against the Almaguin Ice Devils in Minden and the first period was a full speed, end to end, entertaining segment in which a sizzling slapshot by Jacob Haedicke found the home side up by one after one. Period two saw Almaguin tally two for a 2-1 lead and in the third Matt Manning, who had been a threat all night for the Highlanders, finally had his efforts rewarded with a tying marker midway through the third and the game ended at two.

Saturday afternoon, Nov. 21, the Storm hosted the league leading, Parry Sound Shamrocks for a home and home series starting in Minden. The Shamrocks came out flying, quickly netted 4 in the first and overpowered the locals for a 7-0 victory.

Sunday, Nov. 22, the Storm travelled to Parry Sound, home of the NHL great Bobby Orr, perhaps inspiration was in the air. The first period was an even affair with Parry Sound scoring first for a 1-0 lead going into the second. The second period produced great chances on both sides with the Highlanders tallying two, one by Jayden Wood and the other by Nolan Flood. The third continued in a close checking contest and Wood gave the visitors a 3-1 lead with the home side quickly replying but still down by one with half the period left. The frustrated Shamrocks took multiple penalties in the last half of the third allowing the Storm to maintain their defensive edge and newcomer Payden Miscio scored an empty netter to give the Storm Midgets a 4-2 lead and their first regular season victory of the year!

Well done, and we look forward to continuing this trend with two home games this weekend, the first Friday night at 8:30 p.m. in Haliburton against the league leading Parry Sound Shamrocks and Sunday at 2 p.m. in Minden versus Almaguin.

Submitted by Dave and Katie Howe

Peewee AE Storm battles Rock

The Walker's and Heating Haliburton Highlands Health Team Highland Storm Peewee AE travelled this past Saturday to Humphery for a double header against the Muskoka Rock A team. The Storm started fast with a few scoring chances but were denied by some nice saves from the Muskoka goalie.

Storm goaltender Nathan Miscio took up the challenge and only on a Rock power play was Miscio beaten to make it 1-0 after the first for the Rock. The second period saw some smart defensive play by Cody Martin and Tim Turner but the Storm ran into some penalties that would cost them against the strong Rock power play.

At the end of the second, the Storm found themselves down by five. Bella Smolen made some nice saves in the third and Brendan Coumbs found the back of the net on a wrist shot to break the Rock shutout.

The Rock would take the opening game 6-1. Player of the game was goalie Bella Smolen. The Storm wouldn't let the results of Game 1 rest on their shoulders for very long. The team came out flying and had an amazing number of chances spending much of the first period in the Muskoka zone buzzing for the opening goal.

Nathan Miscio made some sharp saves when called upon to continue the goalie battle that was continuing from game one. The game would remain scoreless throughout the first period. Things got a little rough in the second as both teams would begin to send a steady parade of players to the penalty box.

The Rock would take full advantage of their power play opportunities and turn three quick unanswered goals into a solid 9-0 Muskoka win. Player of the game was goalie Nathan Miscio. Looking ahead, the team worked hard at practise last night in preparation for the Silver Stick Tournament starting this Saturday at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden.

Submitted by Gord Hoenow

Action-packed final leads to win for novice team

On Nov. 21 and 22 the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm hosted the Walt McKechnie Tournament at the A.J LaRue arena.

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Bancroft Jets remain undefeated

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Game one was against the Lindsay Muskies. It was a slow start for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm. The Lindsay Muskies scored the first goal and the Storm answered back with a goal from Graeme Armstrong. The Muskies started the second period with an early goal and again the Storm came back with a goal by Cheyenne Degeer. The Storm got the first goal in the third by Mak Prentice, however the Muskies scored two more making it 4-3 the final. It was a hard lose for the Storm.

The second game was against the Centre Hastings Grizzlies. It was an awesome win for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm. The Storm won 7-1 against the Centre Hastings Grizzlies. Goals were scored by Graeme Armstrong, Kadin Card, Isaac Lee, Mak Prentice, and Addison Carr. Game three was against the Deep River Knights. The Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm lost 5-1. Goal scored by Cheyenne Degeer.

That put the Storm into the C finals against the Ennismore Eagles. It was an action-packed C final for the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm. A big win of 9-7 against the Ennismore Eagles. Goals scored by Graeme Armstrong, Addison Carr, Mak Prentice, and Colby Coumbs. Way to go Storm for being the C final champions.

On Saturday, Nov. 28 the Timber Mart Novice Highland Storm travel to Huntsville to verse the Huntsville Otters at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by Amber Card



JoAnne Sharpley Source for Sports Peewee A Highland Storm after winning the Pembroke Silver Stick Tournament on the weekend. Submitted by Jason Glecoff

Girls Jets undefeated

The Bancroft I.D.A /Canadian Tire Midget B Girls Jets travelled to Lindsay Saturday to take on the improving, and always aggressive Lynx squad in an afternoon tilt.

It was Lynx Day, and the Lindsay Association had organized their annual day of girls' hockey with all ages and divisions hosting a game to support the event. The Jets were flying from the opening face-off and midway through the first period Kelsey Maracle finished off a nice two-on-one pass from Sydney Feir, going top glove to open the scoring. Less than a minute later, the Jets made the score 2-0 on the power play with Kenndal Marsden's feed to Erin Kavanagh who fired a wrister past the Lynx tender. The Lynx capitalized on a defensive zone turnover making the score 2-1 late in the first period.

The Jets continued their pressure in the Lindsay end throughout the second period but could not find the twine.

Midway through the third period the Jets were able to solve the Lindsay net-minder as Kelsey Maracle's pass sprung Kenndal Marsden in the neutral zone who split the Lynx defence and went forehand – backhand to make the score 3-1. Ella Hedley solidified the win, tucking in a 4-1 short-side tally late in the third period. On Sunday afternoon, the Jets hosted the always tough Peterborough Ice Kats in Bancroft. Both clubs had scoring chances in the first period but solid net-minding by each tender kept the game scoreless after the first period. The Jets took a 1-0 lead on a power play tally midway through the second period.

Danielle Sunstrum tucked a short-side wrister past the Ice Kats goalie, capitalizing on Kenndal Marsden's rebound after a defensive zone turnover. Peterborough evened the score at 1-1 late in the second period on a Jets' defensive zone miscue, slipping a five hole shot into the net.

The Jets continued to pressure the Ice Kats and just seconds into the third period, Kenndal Marsden stuffed home her own rebound after a solid forecheck in the Ice Kat end. Both teams continued to pressure their opponents but neither squad could change the final score of 2-1. At the midway point in their league play of 22 games, the Jets remain undefeated with a record of 10-0-1. Keep up the improving team play and determined efforts, girls!

The Bancroft I.D.A/Canadian Tire Midget B Girls are on the road Friday night, Nov. 27 at 7:45 p.m. in Peterborough and Saturday afternoon, Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. in Keene before returning to Bancroft for their next home game on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29 at 3 p.m. when they host the Cold Creek Comets.

Submitted by Dan Marsden



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AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse *Minden Times* reporter Chad Ingram's editorial "Race to the bottom" in last week's issue has taken its place on our wall of honour a.k.a. the kitchen fridge door. Posted along with family photos, Ben's painting, Bruce's latest blood pressure results [perfect] and the itinerary for David and Rita's Viking River cruise it has been re-read many times and shared by email with like-minded friends. We were surprised to learn from Saturday's Globe & Mail that last year Canada had accepted 260,000 landed immigrants about ten percent of which were refugees smoothly without controversy. Thank you Chad. We have now heard from our world travellers in Budapest cruising towards Austria while grandson Ben is busy with hockey. His phone call last night started off with a brief report of a winning game but more excitement spilled out about the "Elf on a Shelf" which mysteriously had found its way to a new location. Apparently yesterday morning when getting milk for his favourite Captain Crunch cereal he was surprised to be greeted by the Elf boldly seated inside the fridge. How did he get there? Ben's answer he's magical Grandma. I pray that Chad's words prove a reminder to Canadians all across this wonderful country to embrace the diversity on which it was founded and thrives. That too would be magical.

This is a great idea. Again this year St. James Anglican Church, Crego Street, Kinmount invites the kids to do their own Christmas shopping this Saturday, November 28th from 9:30 a.m. until noon. No gift costs over $1 and gift wrapping is included in that price. Also on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. St. James hosts a family program with food, stories and fun.

The Kinmount Seniors bus trip to Casino Rama will head out from the Legion parking lot on Thursday, December 10th at 9 a.m. sharp returning there at 4 p.m. The cost of $5 includes lunch. For more information give Mike a call at 705-488-2669.

Kinmount will celebrate its annual "Christmas in the Village" starting on Thursday, December 3rd with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at the Railway Station complete with a warming bonfire, treats and free photos with Santa. This event is linked with other communities both large and small as part of the "Lights Across Canada"project. Saturday, December 5th offers activities for the whole family starting with "Breakfast with Santa" hosted by the Kinmount & District Lions Club served up at St. James Anglican Church in the Church Hall from 8:30 to 11 a.m. While breakfast is free donations are always welcome to support the work of the Lions Club. Over at the Community Centre the Kinmount Farmer's Market invites everyone to its Christmas Open House from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be kids activities, a Gift Basket draw, a 50/50 draw and KFM Toonies for the first 25 people. The Kinny Elf Hunt returns to several locations around town. This year it is not necessary to visit every one as there will be a small surprise at each place plus a special prize at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. At 2 p.m. it's time to meet Santa at the Post Office and follow him to the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount for a free family lunch and gifts for children 10 years and under. That evening beginning at 7 p.m. the fully accessible Galway Hall will be filled with Christmas Music featuring the Fitz family. The tickets are $15 which includes dessert and beverage and a chance to win Christmas theme prizes at the Loonie Auction. To order your tickets please give Diane a call at 705-488-2635. Please note that the Reed bridge on the Galway Road is now open ahead of schedule.

At the Kinmount Legion Branch 441's upcoming Christmas Craft Show on Sunday, December 6th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. special guest Anya Gorman will be there. Anya is a third generation professional Celtic psychic and medium who has practised in Europe, the USA and Canada for over 35 years. She offers 30 minute readings for a fee of $30 but pre-booking is recommended as she was fully booked on her last appearance. To make an appointment please call Raquel at 705-488-3191 or visit the Legion's Facebook page.

Still considering that flu shot. This protection is available at the Kinmount & District Health Centre Monday to Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. until noon and 4:30 to 5 p.m. then again on Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. until noon and 5 to 6 p.m. You do not have to be a patient of the Health Centre to get the flu shot but be sure to bring your health card with you. Until next week keep busy & well, they go together ...

COUNTY OF HALIBURTON
LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O. Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-040/15
Applicant: 1045557 ONTARIO LTD.
Location of the Property: Part of Lot 12, Plan 208, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Nature of the Application: Addition to a Lot

2. File No. H-041/15
Applicant: Jeffrey CHESEBROUGH & Cathy SCOTT
Location of the Property: Part of Lot 13, Plan 208, Geographic Township of Lutterworth
Nature of the Application: Addition to a Lot & Easement

3. File No. H-043/15
Applicant: Tom & Cathy MEDHURST
Location of the Property: Part of Lots 17 & 18, Concessions 1 & 2, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: Creation of a New Lot

4. File No. H-044/15
Applicant: Tom & Cathy MEDHURST
Location of the Property: Part of Lots 17 & 18, Concessions 1 & 2, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: Creation of a New Lot

5. File No. H-045/15
Applicant: Tom & Cathy MEDHURST
Location of the Property: Part of Lots 17 & 18, Concessions 1 & 2, Geographic Township of Snowdon
Nature of the Application: Creation of a New Lot

6. File No. H-047/15
Applicant: Lorne & Robin HEISE
Location of the Property: Lot 3, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Addition to a Lot

7. File No. H-048/15
Applicant: Lorne & Robin HEISE
Location of the Property: Lot 3, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Addition to a Lot & Easement

8. File No. H-049/15
Applicant: Lorne & Robin HEISE
Location of the Property: Lot 3, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Stanhope
Nature of the Application: Addition to a Lot

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 26th day of November, 2015

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County card scores

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Nov. 16 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Ross Fletcher 4,220, Jackie Metcalf 4,200, Bruce Armstrong 3,820 and Pearl Foster 3,630 with Sandy McKay awarded the Lucky Loonie.

Nov. 17 contract bridge at Minden United Church: With 4,990 points Carol Bowker led the scoring then Bob Penfold 4,810 and Wally Ozog at 4,530. Nancy Ballantyne also reports that there were three Small Slams over the morning involving Carol Bowker, Anne Nickson, Carole Anne Schell, Eleanor Hall, Julie Gray and Heather Harrington.

Nov. 17 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: In first place at 356 were June Fortune and Max McKelvey then Connie Sawyer partnered with Anne Manning 322. Our reporter Pearl Cowen and Yvonne Arbuthnot teamed up for third at 281 while the afternoon's low of 146 was posted by Mary Trumbull and Andy Broersma.

Nov. 17 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 278, Marcy Morgan 258, Pat Norman 247 and our reporter Betty Wagar 206. First for the gents at 276 was Pat Scadden followed by Howard Smith 254, Dwaine Lloyd 248 and Kevin Maloney 200. Ron Morrison won the major draw with Bev Johnson, Marcy Morgan and Pat Scadden claiming the smaller prizes. Marcy also had a moonshot along with Howard Smith and Pat Scadden.

Nov. 17 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Most lone hand honours went to Shirley Davis with Reta Crofts high lady and Donna Darby low. Bruce Shepheard took top marks for the gents with Ed McDowell low man and Terry Davis the draw winner. Thanks to our interim reporter Helen Burk for this update.

Nov. 18 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Peter O'Connor and Gord Cochrane 59 percent with a tie for second spot at 54 percent between Dee MacLean partnered with Joan Davies and Reet Murray. My apologies to our bridge reporter Margo Davidson for my not recording Reet's partner's name.

Nov. 18 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: Marcy Morgan reports that at this monthly event Norm Lane led at 430 then Ida Young 422 and Dorothy McElwain 371. Please note that there will not be a Big Bucks Bid Euchre held during the month of December.

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No. 19 euchre at Minden Legion: Holding the most lone hands were Betty Hicks and James Bastedo with Muriel McIntosh and John Deak posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Theresa Deak and Tom Bagshaw while Muriel McIntosh won the draw and Elaine Smith along with Theresa and John Deak took home the other prizes. Thanks to Tom Grix for this news.

Nov. 19 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Bev Johnson reports that the leading ladies were Pat Norman 250, Vi Howell 235, Jean Scadden 231 and Sharron Atkinson 225. First for the gents at 253 was Al McMullen followed by Marcel Roussel 244, Dwaine Lloyd 235 and Bruce Medcalf 213. Pat Scadden held the hidden score, Ida Young won the card draw and Sharron Atkinson the call 1 with Jean Scadden and Albert Foster claiming the moonshots.

Nov. 20 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Ross Fletcher and Helen Baker led at 58 percent with a tie for second place at 55 percent between Mary Johnson and Judy Neimann and Muriel McIntosh partnered with Ross Davies.

Nov. 20 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was James Bastedo, for lone hands Bev Johnson, for low hands Nick Boekestyn and for the special prize Ellen Holden. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this update.

Nov. 23 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Tim Sharpe reports that most lone hand honours went to Pearl Cowen and Gord Stickwood with Betty Sharpe and Mary Trumbull posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows were recorded by Marion Stickwood and Don Blakey with Don also winning the special prize.

Nov. 23 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Top marks went to Sam Gaudet 259, Gala Newell 235 and Dana Briscoe 225. Rose Isaacson also reports that Gala Newell was the draw winner and Ron Morrison claimed the only two moonshots of the afternoon.

Nov. 23 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: From Sherin Brown the news that James Bastedo won for high hands, Jean Randell for lone hands, Eileen Shepstone for low hands and Peter O'Reilly for the special prize.

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Haliburton Highlands Health Services
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www.hhhs.ca

Haliburton Highlands Health Services thanks all applicants, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. If you are contacted by HHHS regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

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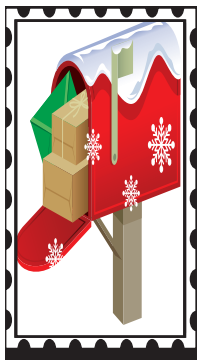
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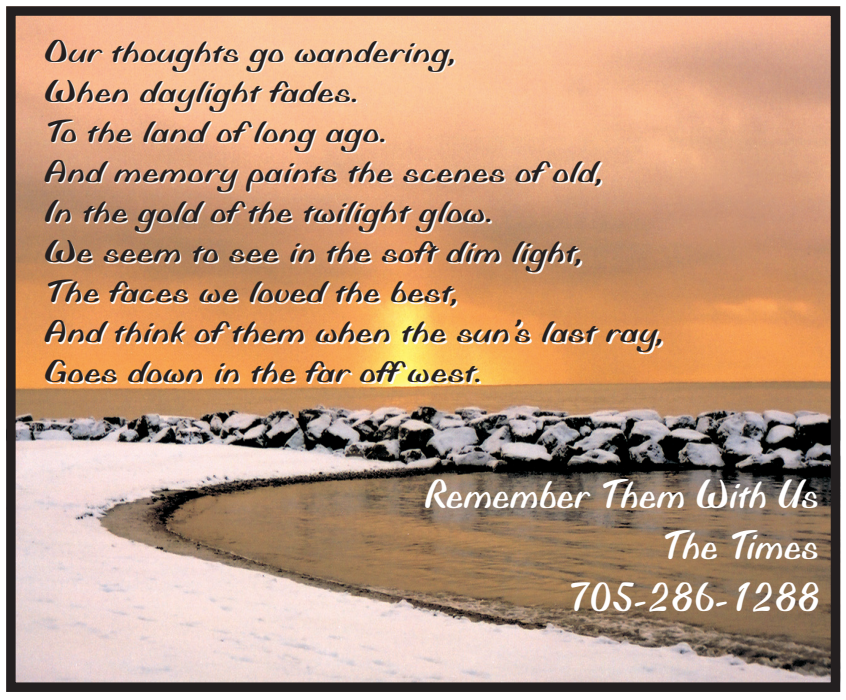
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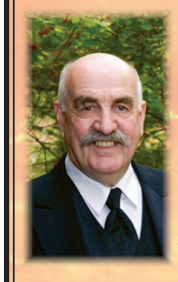
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On Friday Nov. 6th, 2015, Clifford Lawrence Gottinger, 74, died peacefully at home after a long battle with Wegener's disease.

Lately of Ingoldsby, near Minden, Ontario, Cliff was born in Duff, Saskatchewan. He lived for many years in British Columbia, moving to Toronto, then Beeton and in 1983 bought 100 acres in Emsdale, just north of Huntsville, Ontario. There he spent many happy years building a home on the Magnetawan River, raising his family, hunting and fishing. Cliff worked for the Township of Perry until he retired. Many may remember him as a local hunting guide, a favourite occupation, as he lead many groups during bear, deer and moose seasons.

Cliff was a wonderful husband, father, brother, and friend to many. He will be sorely missed by his wife of 35 years, Christine Lloyd, his children Jamie (son) and Jessica Lloyd Gottinger, and Jessie (daughter) and Nathan Buchanan, by his five grandchildren, Cooper, Jacob, Benton, Audrey and Finley, (by his step-daughters from an earlier marriage) Shelley (son, Mitchell) and Allison (daughter, Jessie) Sleeman, by his siblings in B.C. Jean Lewis, Bernice Yurkoski, Terry Desjarlais and Verne Gottinger and by his many other family members and friends.

Special thanks to the palliative community care team from the Haliburton Health Services for their wonderful care and support.

Please join the family to celebrate Cliff's life on Saturday November 28th at Ingoldsby United Church (on the corner of Ingoldsby Road County Road 17 [#1741] and Kashagawigamog Lake Road) at 11:00 a.m. refreshments to follow.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to Ingoldsby United Church in care of Gail Parish, 1473 Parish Line Road Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

Gladys Eileen Marquardt (nee Pearse)

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday, November 17, 2015. In her 93rd year.

Beloved wife of the late Gerald Earl Marquardt. Dear mother of Brian of East Moore Lake, Allan and his wife Debbie of Whitby. Loving grandma of Bradley and Julie. Dear sister of Mary and predeceased by Austin, Elda, Chester and Keith. Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. A Service to Celebrate Gladys' Life will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre in the Funeral Home. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) (Palliative Care Centre) or to the Norland United Church or to the Stephen Lewis Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

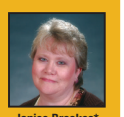
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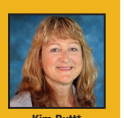
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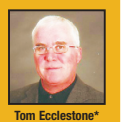

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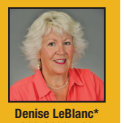

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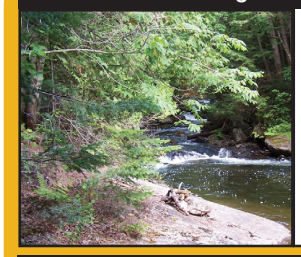

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Drag River $69,000



- Fabulous riverfront property
- Walking distance to all amenities
- Walking distance to main street of Haliburton
- Excellent building sites located throughout

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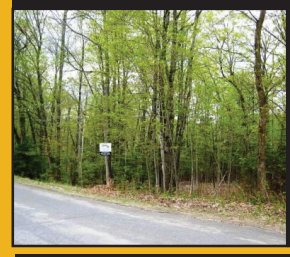
Maple Lake $320,000



- Yr round 3 bdrm home or cottage with garage
- Fully winterized on partially fin–ished basement
- Drilled well and propane fireplace and flat lot
- North Shore Rd between you and dock at lake

Dagmar Boettcher 457–5968

Prime Haliburton in town Lot $70,000



- Fronts on Riverside and backs on Dean Crt
- On Municipal Road with Hydro pole on roadside
- Well treed/good frontage/.88 acre lot
- BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME!!

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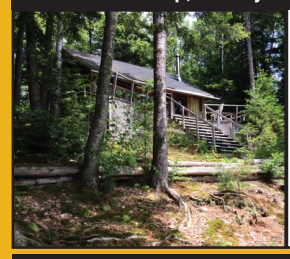
Irondale River $199,900



- 3 bedroom home or cottage w/ 640 ft of frontage on the river
- Private, peaceful setting w/ level landscaped yards
- Features a full basement, screened in room & garage
- Clean swimming with miles of kaya–king & canoeing!

Kim Butt 286–2138 x 31

South Exp, Privacy + Kennisis Lk $425,500



- 3 Bdrm, all wood interior, Lg deck, 4pc bath
- Level lot, very priv, tall majestic trees
- Sand entry and deeper off dock, sun all day
- Decking along waterfront, fireplace on deck

Gloria Carnochan 754–1932

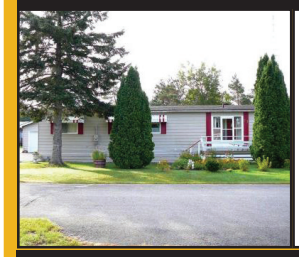
Acreage on Harburn Rd. $34,900



- Approx. 1,631 Ft. Rd Frontage on two roads
- Two lots combined, totaling 9.84 acres
- Level, mixed forest building site
- Telephone, hydro & 10 minutes to Haliburton

Mark Dennys 457–2128 x 30

Affordable Retirement Living, Only $87,000



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- Quiet street, 2 bedrooms 1.5 baths
- Spacious living room, beautiful gardens
- Central air conditioning, excellent value

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Saskatchewan Lake $189,000

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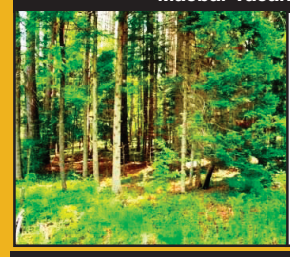


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- Fully winterized, drilled well
- Great hiking, kayaking, swimming
- Rental potential, 3 bdrm, FAO

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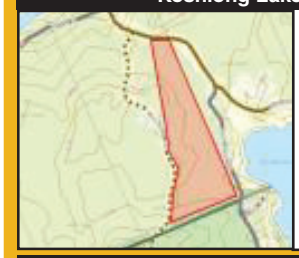
Maebar Vacant Lot $29,900



- Level 0.54 of an acre lot in a beautiful neighborhood
- This treed lot is easy to build on and offers a great opportunity
- Close to 12 mile lake, 10 minutes from Minden and 2 hours from the GTA

Andrew Hodgson 286–2138 x 29

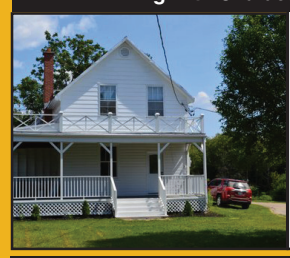
Koshlong Lake Area $79,900



- 29+ acres near Koshlong Lake
- Abuts road allowance to lake
- Part commercial zoning
- Year round access

Susanne James & Andy Mosher
457–2128 x 33

Brimming with Character in Minden $212,000



- Gorgeous eat in kitchen w/island
- Mn flr laundry and oak flooring
- Covered veranda, 3 bdrms full basement
- Single car garage, view of the river and riverwalk

Denise LeBlanc 286–2138 x 23

Brick Bungalow $334,900



- 3 + 2 bedrooms
- Living room with fireplace
- Family room with w/o to full length deck
- Full finished basement & Double attached garage
- Water access nearby

David Lee 286–2138 x 27

Eagle Lake Home $229,900



- Recently built Guildcrest Home
- Close to Sir Sam`s Ski & Bike
- Over 2 acres, private lot
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, jaccuzzi tub

Erin Nicholls 457–2128 x 34

'Turn Key' on Sparrow Lake $567,900



- 3 Winterized cottages on Sparrow Lake in Gravenhurst
- Great investment or family com–pound property
- Everything has been updated beautifully
- Includes beautiful dock with lake–side patio and fantastic swimming

Brandon Nimigon 457–2128 x 27

Home + 5 Acres $174,900



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- 3 Bedroom, 2 bath home has great bones
- Features new shingles, new bamboo floors, galley kitchen & open concept dining/living room.
- On 5.5 acres with trails throughout, lovely gardens, small pond & great privacy

Karen Nimigon 457–2128 x 29

Southern Exposure on Mountain Lake $799,000



- Lots of room for the family with 4 bdrms & 2 full bath
- Open concept main living area & a fan–tastic view of the lake
- 3 season screened room is next to the DR plus large LR w/woodstove insert
- WO bsmt with massive fam rm, Plus att dbl car garage (insulated and heated)

Greg Stamp 457–2128 x 28

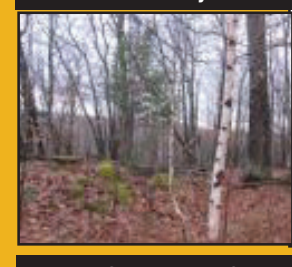
Little Glamor Lake $429,000



- Sunny southern exposure, total privacy, mature trees, beautiful view
- Fully winterized, open concept cottage with floor to ceiling granite fireplace
- 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, lovely pine kitchen, new floor coverings on the main floor
- Screened in room, fully finished lower level with huge family room with woodstove

Kim Stamp 457–2128 x 24

Sunnyside Hilltop Lot $68,500



- Scenic hilltop views over Haliburton Village
- Multi–exposure 1.5 acre resi–dential lot
- Private setting in area of finer homes
- Well–maintained Township road – a "Must–Buy!"

Elizabeth Thompson 457–2128 x 52

Maple Lake $219,000



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- Over ½ Acre Lot
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- Boating and Exploring on a 3 Lake Chain

Melanie Vigrass 286–2138 x 32

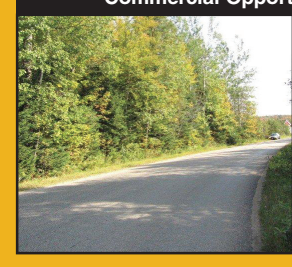
Wonderland Rd $289,000



- Fabulous location just minutes from Haliburton
- 2 bedroom bungalow on large level lot
- Separate workshop plus double garage
- Connected to town sewers

Tom Wilkinson 286–2138 x 25

Commercial Opportunity $49,900 +HST



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